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Oversight is a Constitutional extension of the Congress'power to legislate. It provides for the Congress, through appropriate committees, to oversee the administration of the laws passed by it. Below are listed certain principles important to oversight legislation relating to the Intelligence Community.

I. Exclusivity. Congressional oversight is enhanced with a Joint Committee as opposed to the fragmentation, in each house, of the oversight function. It would provide for more secure holding of secrets and close coordination between the two houses of Congress.

II. Jurisdiction. Foreign intelligence and domestic intelligence are so different in purpose, in constitutional implications, and in legal and policy considerations that clothing a single oversight committee with authority for both areas is undesirable.

III. Secrecy. Appropriate criminal and civil sanctions should be enacted to insure that those who are entrusted with secrets as an aspect of employment in the Executive or Legislative Branch maintain those secrets. The Congress should also ensure that appropriate sanctions will be applied against Members of Congress who improperly disclose secrets.

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IV. Disclosure. A statutory procedure should be enacted to ensure that secrets disclosed to the Congress are not unilaterally disclosed by individual members or the oversight committee. Where the Executive Branch certifies that the disclosure of a particular secret would be detrimental to the national interest, such certification should control absent a 2/3rds vote of both Houses to the contrary.

V. Authority. An oversight committee should have sole oversight jurisdiction but shared legislative authority for the aetivities and agencies within its mandate. All legislation, including authorization, will first be considered by one of the present standing committees in each House. All provisions of such bills concerning intelligence will then be referred to the oversight committee for its review and recommendation.

VI. Prior Notification. The general requirement to keep such oversight committee "fully and currently" informed is more desirable and workable as a practical matter than requirements for prior notification. Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act should be repealed because of its multiple reporting requirements.

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